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Court security has become one of the Michigan Supreme Court's highest priorities. In October of 2001, the Supreme Court asked every court to undertake immediate steps to improve their security status. Each court was asked to provide emergency contact information, review current security plans, appoint both a court security coordinator and emergency services coordinator, and cooperate with local emergency management officials.

At the request of the Chief Justice, the Michigan Emergency Management Act was amended to include the judiciary in the State Emergency Operations Center. These changes formally integrate the judiciary into the state's emergency management structure for both state and local activities. These proposals were incorporated into the anti-terrorism legislation enacted in 2002.

The State Court Administrative Office has adopted court security standards and developed a Security Handbook and Manual. The Office has also provided training for every court security coordinator in the state. See the standards and resources in the manual located at the State Court Administrative Office website at: <http://courts.michigan.gov/scao/resources/standards/index.htm#sec>.